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	Examiner Rodney H. Bonck	Art Unit 3681	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 January 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

The following is a first action on the merits of application Serial No.10/749,372, filed January 2, 2004.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the "protruding tenon" of claim 5 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it includes idiomatic and grammatical errors and should be revised. Note for example, the expressions "have a hood covers these clutch parts" and "both sides the passive gear is brought".

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The specification is replete with idiomatic and grammatical errors too numerous to point out specifically. The specification should be carefully revised. For example, note "cutch" in line 7 of page 1. Note, too, the numerous run-on sentences. Note, on page 3, that reference number 20 designates "a flywheel stand" and a "rolling axis". Also, some of

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the terminology seems unconventional, such as, "twain clutch", "flywheel stand", "rolling axis", and the use of the term "protruding wheel" for member A20.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: In line 1 of claim 6, after "wherein", the capital letter "A" should be a lower case letter, -- a --. Also, "a adjustable", line 3, should be -- an adjustable --.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. There is no proper antecedent basis for "the rolling axis", line 2 of claim 1. It is unclear what is referred to by "some clutch parts", also in line 1. The wording "have a hood covers these clutch parts" in line 3 is awkward and should be reworded. In line 5, "the rear" lacks a proper antecedent, and recitation of "smaller diameter" is unclear since the claim does not state what this diameter is compared to. In line 6, "the turning axis" lacks a proper antecedent basis. Only a "rolling axis" has been defined. Apparently "at least one side slots" in line 7 should be --

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at least one side slot --. In line 8, "the proper location" has no proper antecedent. In lines 13-14, "the front of the second hood" lacks a proper antecedent basis. There does not appear to be an antecedent basis for "said center hole of said first hood", line 16 of claim 1. In lines 5-6 of claim 6, the expression "push said protruding wheel with proper push said protruding wheel" is not understood. In claim 7, it is unclear what is defined by "a axis set".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-7, insofar as definite, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the "Prior Art" of applicant's Figs. 9 and 10 in view of Yeh('345). The disclosed prior art shows a clutch of a "twain engine" (Fig. 10), but appears to lack the claimed first and second hood. Yeh discloses a drive arrangement including first and second hoods 50, 52. Yeh further includes protruding wheel 84 for protruding through slot 96. A lock hole 92 with threads is provided and includes a lock ball 90, spring 96, and an adjustable screw 94 for setting the point at which the protruding wheel swings.

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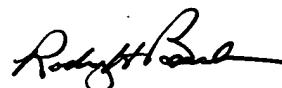
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Schwerdhofer('922) and Lu('143) show centrifugal and one-way clutch combinations. Fornaca('394), Menasco('599), and De Pew et al.('853) show one-way clutches to couple multiple engines to a single output.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney H. Bonck whose telephone number is (703)-308-2904. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00AM - 3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles A. Marmor can be reached on (703)-308-0830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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